UNITED
NATIONS

A S

General Assembly
Security Council

Distr.
GENERAL

A/51/767
S/1996/1073
30 December 1996

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Fifty-first session
Agenda item 58
QUESTION OF CYPRUS

SECURITY COUNCIL
Fifty-first year

Letter dated 27 December 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to new mass violations of the airspace of the Republic of Cyprus and of the flight information region (FIR) of Nicosia by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force.

During the last five days (22-27 December 1996), numerous violations of the national airspace of Cyprus have been recorded on a daily basis.

Such violations, which were taking place at the time of the discussions of the Cyprus question in the Security Council, not only increased tension on the island, but at the same time were in contravention of the provisions of the latest Security Council resolution on Cyprus, resolution 1092 (1996) of 23 December 1996, which states that such overflights increase political tension on the island and undermine efforts towards achieving a final settlement.

In addition, these unauthorized intrusions into the Nicosia flight information region are in violation of international air traffic rules and seriously endanger civil aviation flights over Cyprus.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, I wish to strongly protest against the new violations of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus, which are in complete disregard of the Charter of the United Nations and the relevant decisions of the Organization on the question of Cyprus.

96-37812 (E) 301296 311296

/...

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 58, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nicos AGATHOCLEOUS
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the
Republic of Cyprus
to the United Nations